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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS FOR AARON

FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 1245 ACTION SECSTATE FEB 16.

QUOTE S E C R E T JIDDA 1245

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, ET, SO, SA, UK, FR

SUBJECT: HORN OF AFRICA

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT U.S., BRITISH, AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTRUCTING THEIR AMBASSADORS IN JIDDA TO APPROACH SAG IMMEDIATELY TO REQUEST THAT SAUDIS PERSUADE SIAD BARRE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM OGADEN IN EXCHANGE FOR THREE-POWER SUPPORT FOR SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF OGADEN ISSUE.

2. BRITISH STRESS THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION AND, WHILE THEY PREFER COORDINATED OR JOINT DEMARCH TO SAG, THEY ARE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD IF U.S. AND FRENCH DO NOT RECEIVE THEIR INSTRUCTIONS SHORTLY. THEY ARE ALREADY  
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ATTEMPTING TO GET APPOINTMENT WITH CROWN PRINCE. FRENCH HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.

3. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES ME TO BE INVOLVED IN THREE-POWER APPROACH, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN NEXT FEW HOURS.  
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